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The original claims 1-119 are found allowable, and divisional applications have been filed for the non-elected claims, further action in the application will be suspended, pending resolution of the divisional applications.

See MPEP §§ 1450 and 37 CFR 1.176.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 14, 2007, December 18, 2007 and February 25, 2008 have been considered by the examiner. Copies of the IDS with initials are included herewith.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1885. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

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